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Reeve skeptical about assessment office's promises

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Editor

Every time the regional supervisor for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation reassured county councillors last Wednesday that changes were being made to deal with the

backlog of new buildings and additions which have not yet been added to the assessment rolls, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey reminded him that similar promises have been made by that office since 1996.

"There are people in this room," Fearrey said, addressing

MPAC supervisor Evan Brown, fellow county councillors and audience members from various lake associations, "who are picking up taxes because others have not yet been assessed."

"It's not acceptable for you to say 'We'll have it done in 2003.' That's the same line of b.s.

we've been handed since 1996. Would you pay someone who isn't doing the job for you?"

It costs the county's four municipalities \$600,000 a year to have MPAC provide assessment services. In Dysart, there's a backlog of 950 properties for which building permits have

been issued and not inspected by an assessor to come up with a value. Without that assessment, municipalities can't tax the property for its full value.

If some property owners aren't paying their fair share of taxes because their properties

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Dysart trims hours, staff at museum

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Effective this month the hours of operation have been scaled back at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, along with staff, as the museum continues to struggle with visitor numbers and funding in the shoulder season.

The changes in hours at the museum are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays to Saturdays from now until April. In the spring and fall it will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays, and in the summer it will close only on Mondays.

During the January council meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey acknowledged the hard work by museum staff and the board to generate more interest in the museum by having more groups use the facilities for meetings and to create awareness on the internet. However, Fearrey says, Dysart can no longer justify operating the museum for a full week for 12 months of the year.

"We're working very hard to get the number of paying patrons up. I think, when the college is opened with the increase of the traffic through there, we'll see higher numbers," says Fearrey.

In museum manager Tom Ballantine's report to council, he says that while the overall paying attendance has remained somewhat disappointing, "we have made progress with making ourselves more visible to a

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All together now

The annual Robbie Burns Night at the Haliburton Legion was certainly a festive affair, especially when everyone joined in for the Grand March. It was a celebration of all things Scottish right down to the piping in of the haggis. For more photos see page 3.

Drop-outs opt into new diploma program

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

There is barely a spot of white left on the bristol board. Every inch is covered in neatly printed letters crammed tightly together, interspersed with pictures. But even more impressive is the look in Terri-Lynn Low's eyes as she explains what it is all about.

Long, tightly-braided hair falls across her face but occasionally she looks shyly over and one gets a glimpse of the hesitant pride and excitement in her eyes. Her classmates joke in admiring tones that if Terri-

Lynn does not get an A on her project, then there is no point in them even handing theirs in.

The project is a plan for a trip to a provincial park including a budget for gas mileage, food, and gear. She had to use complex math skills to create the plan while other information demonstrates some of geographic skills she has learned. It is the perfect example of the hands-on practical learning that goes on at the Community Learning Centre in the former Victoria Street School in Haliburton, where students can earn high school credits while also learning how to read a

map, budget and do research on the internet.

Teacher Laura Willis explains that the project is a lead-up to the students' final exam when she will accompany the class on a camping trip they have planned to Haliburton Forest to demonstrate the skills they have learned.

Untraditional, imaginative and, yes, it works. Willis's students meet Ontario curriculum requirements in a group that ranges in age from 16 to one remarkable 77-year-old determined to get her high school diploma.

The board has recently hired

two new teachers, Deb Northie and Alison Turnbull, to work with students who have never had access to alternative education at these centres before - 14- and 15-year-olds. The two new teachers will be working in what has been dubbed the ACE Program, Alternative Credit Experience.

Regulations in the Education Act say that a student under the age of 16 has to have some sort of education plan or program even if they are no longer in school. Traditionally those kids become SALEP students, meaning they are to receive Super-

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news and events worth noting

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Since you know how hard it was to wake up to such cool temperatures you'll understand why Stan Beard isn't going to go to great lengths to wake up George III this Sunday. George III is the groundhog that is now sleeping contentedly in a barn next to Beard's house near Wilberforce. Sunday, of course, is George's national holiday but Beard doesn't think George would take kindly to being wakened just to try to see his shadow. (This cold snap has taken the hope out of any optimist who believes spring is around the corner.) Nevertheless, Beard has promised that he'll at least try to hook up a way to check George's vital sign to make sure that



Karen Phipps cuddles two cats who were found on County Road 1 on Friday when it was terribly cold. They're now living at the Great Haliburton Feed Company until someone adopts them. Meanwhile, her father Fred Phipps reminds people not to leave their pets outside in this cold weather.

George, like the rest of us Highlanders, hasn't gone into too deep a freeze.

Subscribers to *Hockey News* will see a familiar name, but it won't be in any of the write-ups about hockey

players. Charlie Teljeur, the Haliburton creator of the Boonieville cartoon, has come up with a new cartoon which will appear regularly in the popular magazine. "Hockeysockpuppettheatre" appeared for the first time last week, a way for Teljeur to release some of his pent-up love for the sport. All of his fans at *The Echo* send him our congratulations and hope he continues to score a few career goals.

Sports For Youth Foundation Inc. is accepting applications for the 2003 Volleyball Exchange to Europe. Canadian and American volleyball players 21 years old and older will play volleyball in London, England; Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland, Venice, and Rome Italy. For information contact the Sports For Youth Foundation at info@sportsforyouth.com. Visit the Web site at <http://www.volleyballtours.com> or email info@sportsforyouth.com.

A rural tourism workshop will be held on February 18 at Sir William Mackenzie Inn, Kirkfield. Come and hear how the latest tourism trends may affect your business. Discover how several entrepreneurs have turned their passion into successful tourism businesses. You can also learn how business operators and special event organizers can work together to create, link and add value to local tourism experiences. Find out how both your business and community can benefit from hosting special events. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch, refreshments and resources. Register before the Feb. 10 deadline by calling 1-877-424-1300.

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Frozen buses lead to a complicated day at schools

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

First came the cold, then came the confusion.

It was a hectic day at local schools as staff and parents tried to figure out what to do when half of the bus fleet "froze up" en route on Monday morning.

"The fuel gelled," says Dave Freeman, manager of the Laidlaw school bus service in Haliburton.

Using their radios, 22 stranded drivers were able to call for help since they were only par way through their routes when their bus stalled. Laidlaw arranged other buses to transfer the kids from the frozen bus and to finish the route.

"One driver even went house to house in her own car to pick up kids," Freeman said Monday afternoon. "We did the best we could to get all the kids in."

However, because the buses were late, many parents, not knowing why, either drove their children in to school or had them taken in by taxi.

That morning, "we called the parents of every single child who was not here to make sure their child was safe," says Judy Pergolas, a secretary at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. With more than 100 children absent, she spent the entire day on the phone. "We wanted to make sure little Johnnie wasn't waiting at the bus stop at 30 below."

Life became even more com-

plicated when at noon, the school board sent an e-mail to schools saying that the buses which didn't arrive at the school that morning wouldn't be picking up students either.

That set off another round of calls to parents from Stuart Baker Elementary School.

Meanwhile, Freeman said his crew spent the entire day working hard to get the buses up and running. He says he was following policy because the school buses had started out on their route and should therefore complete it at the end of the day.

The school board's policy is that on days when the buses aren't running, parents who drive their child to school must pick their child up at the end of the school day. But when the parents arrived the school buses were there too.

It was a frustrating day for everyone.

By the end of the day, however, Debbie Wales, principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School, said "every kid was picked up or on a bus. We just made sure everyone was safe and no one was cold..."

"At quarter to four, the last parent arrived [to pick up her child] and she had phoned ahead to say her car wouldn't start."

Parents of one-third of the school's population had simply kept their children at home.

She asks parents to make sure the school has phone numbers where they can be reached if they leave town for the day.



Locals caught in stolen car

On Wednesday January 15, officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were involved in a short pursuit in the Gooderham area.

Shortly after 9 am an officer parked in Gooderham looking for a vehicle that had been involved in an incident in the Kawartha Lakes detachment.

The officer observed a vehicle that matched the description. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver ignored this request and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit involved low speeds and was mainly in the village of Gooderham.

The vehicle eventually pulled over on County Road #3, just east of Gooderham.

The driver and the passenger of the vehicle were arrested at the scene as the vehicle they were driving had been reported stolen.

The driver, a 19-year-old man from Gooderham, has been charged with, Theft Under two counts, Break and Enter, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime two counts, Fail to stop for Police, Breach of Probation two counts and Driving a Motor Vehicle without a licence.

A female young offender has also been charged with, Theft Under two counts, Break and Enter, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime two counts and Failing to Comply with a Disposition.



Robbie Burns remembered

Top: Brooke Mansfield dances the Four Step Fling as she is framed in the bagpipes played by Earl Cooper at the Haliburton Legion Saturday night.

Above: The Scottish Country Dancers are a swirling blur as they dance hand in hand.

Left: Sam Miller looks to the side of Bill Elliott's kilt. Robert Burns, Scottish poet, visionary and hero, was celebrated by a full house at the Haliburton Legion on his birthday Saturday, Jan. 25. The Master of Ceremonies was June White who opened the ceremonies that included the Scottish Country Dancers, the Highland Dance Set with performances by Brooke Mansfield, Cassie Kulas and Andrew Mansfield and accompanied by Earl Cooper.

Bill Elliott read the The Immortal Memory and was Marshal for the Grand March while the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums played such favourites as Cockney Jacks, Bonnie Lass and Leaving Liverpool.

Photos by Darren Lum

Students can ACE their diploma

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vised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils. Last year the board had more than 100 SALEP kids who were usually sent home with work from correspondence courses.

Niki Worton, the board's student services manager, says this program did not work very well. Some students had neither the home life nor the ability to complete a correspondence-style course. Worton says the new curriculum requirements have made it even more difficult and the board is facing the issue of having more drop-outs.

Worton recently told the board's trustees that previously it was her job to stay on top of what was happening with 107 to 114 kids taking home study courses and it was too big a job. The success rate, as a result of the low staffing, was poor.

The solution, Worton says, is the ACE program. The concept is to have one teacher responsible for a SALEP student who could earn credits through home study courses, virtual learning, continuing studies, work experience or volunteering. The students would meet regularly with the ACE teacher at the nearest Community Learning Centre.

"These are not all 'bad kids.' They know they need a diploma. Each one has to be looked at individually. Some kids come

from troubled situations and some are just plain troublesome," says Worton.

Greg Ingram, Worton's colleague, also explained how ACE lets kids earn their mandatory 40 hours of volunteer service while perhaps getting valuable experience that may lead to a career at an age when they are not eligible for a traditional co-operative education program.

The biggest edge, though, he says, is having a teacher working one-on-one with the students.

"You have a teacher phoning them at home, showing a genuine interest in their personal well being. It makes a difference," says Ingram.

Willis says that in Haliburton Northie is starting out by teaching approximately 10 students an English credit. The hope that the students will get a feeling that they belong at the centre and get a taste for academic success without which Willis says it is hard for a student to carry on.

"I think it's great. The two teachers (Northie and Turnbull) are so excited, so pumped. These two teachers are awesome," says Willis. "I see the ACE program as a really positive move by the board to fill in the cracks (in the education system)."

Lori Sargent, another teacher at the Haliburton Community Learning Centre, says the ACE students are kids who have

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Heidi Grant, Ruby Johnston, and Sarah Johnson look on as Terri-Lynn Low explains her project for the Community Learning Centre, an intricate use of math and geography skills.

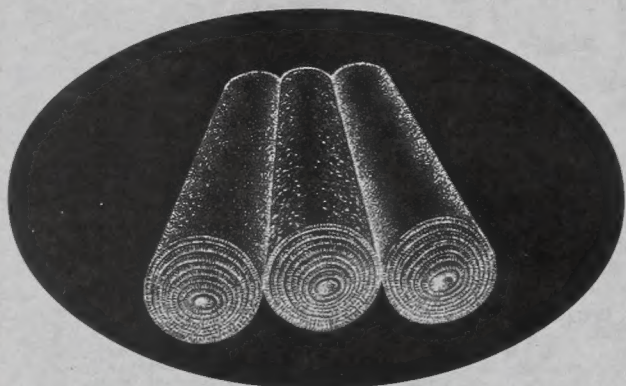
been ousted or refuse to go to a high school.

"ACE is not an everyday program but you want to give these kids little steps to move on. It's a huge step for them just to get into this building. We're hoping that they'll see us (centre teachers and students) on the periphery when they're meeting with Deb and will get to feel comfortable in coming here and then moving on to do courses here," says Sargent.

Ingram says that academics often aren't the problem for kids who end up in SALEP; it is their inability to cope with the large group dynamic of high school. The goal behind ACE is to help this younger group of kids stay in the education system. In a pilot run last year, Ingram says 27 kids worked with a teacher based at the Adult Education and Training Centre in Lindsay; out of that group, 23 were admitted to an

educational day program after completing the ACE program. He added that the ACE program drew nothing but positive feedback from parents as well.

Sargent says that when it comes to their centre and the students they now have, these students are not there because "they didn't cut it in high school." She says for them this is not a poor second choice, it is "the place to be."

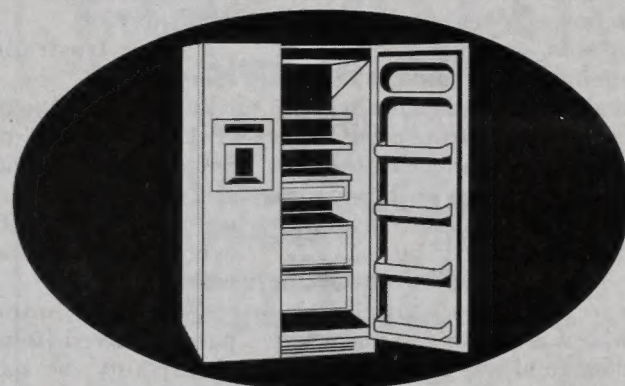


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Assessment system 'unfair' to property owners

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have yet to be assessed, then Fearrey says an unfair burden is placed on all other property owners.

After hearing Brown's assurances, Fearrey asked "Will you put it in writing that you're going to have [this backlog] done by September and you won't get paid until it's done?"

"We can't do that," Brown replied.

Fearrey told Brown that he didn't want to shoot the messenger but that he also hoped Brown went back to his office with a few wounds. Those wounds included Fearrey's repeated skepticism that the problem has been solved.

Brown said his office can now keep up to date with assessments through better communication with municipal offices and improved technology which will cut down on assessors' paperwork and therefore allow them to spend more time doing inspections.

"My job is to listen and bring forward solutions," Brown said. "We will streamline our process and I have made a commitment to provide quarterly updates. I have created a spreadsheet of buildings which are occupied or in use to allow us to target those projects which have been completed and send assessment information requests to all owners who have building permits."

(People start paying taxes on a new building when it is occupied or in use.)

Fearrey says there are some people in Dysart who have been living in new homes or cottages for at least three years and yet they are only paying taxes on the land because the new building has yet to be assessed.

"People who didn't get assessed aren't going to phone you [so they can start paying property taxes on their building]," Fearrey said. "People hate paying taxes. If you send people a form to send back when they are occupying [the building], you're in la-la land."

Brown said that one of the problems is that cottagers work on their properties on weekends and assessors work weekdays.

It was Fearrey who led the charge against the assessment office's services. The only other politician to question Brown was Dysart's deputy, Bill Davis.

Davis asked Brown if MPAC used neighbourhood profiling to come up with a value for properties rather than individual assessments. He rarely sees assessors in the area and "there are fewer assessment officers to do the same amount of work."

"That's not accurate," Brown said. He said MPAC had been using a 30-year-old model before restructuring. Although staff in this region is being reduced to 1,400 from 1,600, most people being let go are

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Evan Brown of the regional assessment office, centre, talks to, from left, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner, Dysart Councillor Leon Jones, Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey after his presentation at county council last Wednesday.

clerical.

Davis asked about Drag Lake. Several property owners received huge assessment increases when values were updated to 2001 from 1999. They complained and received a reduction. The assessment was still higher but not as drastic.

Davis asked Brown, "How did you do a mass mistake on one lake?"

Brown said that while he didn't know about particular properties, "we use an assessment to sale ratio." Assessment should be the same as the selling price for similar properties in the area.

"We identify homogeneous neighbourhoods and if the ratio is slightly higher, then we apply an adjustment to the overall neighbourhood. A single sale

would not affect the ratio. The system is predicated on averages, not extreme highs or lows."

Brown wouldn't accept questions from the audience. He said people could phone his office's help line.

This prompted further derision from Fearrey. "Have you ever tried that," he asked. "Did you ever get anybody on the other end of the line?"

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When you're young, you don't care about the past. As you get older, when there's more past than future, you have a

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more intuitive sense of how much it is a part of your everyday. Novelists can make the links for their fictional characters, allowing readers to see the thread of time woven through a person's character, but if we want to sew up the loose threads

in our own personal tapestry, the task is much more difficult.

Instead of thinking about your own history, think about your town's. Why is that building there and who built it? How did those early settlers cope with -30° mornings without being able to turn up the thermostat? Who piled those stone fences and why did the train not bring the promised prosperity to the county?

Luckily for the people in Haliburton, there are people who can answer those questions — Tom Ballantine and Steve Hill at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Although many people might think they're paid to welcome visitors to the museum complex on Bayshore Acres, their true role is much more significant. It's their job to record and document, to ask the questions and to write down the answers, to discover and verify.

Without them, so much would be lost. As amateur genealogists and history buffs know, finding out about the past can be very time-consuming. Once we have the information, it's also very important to make sure it's properly documented so that others can share in the knowledge. Ballantine and Hill not only record what we already know, but they search out new avenues of discovery. Ballantine has a particular interest in archeology — finding the clues about our past buried beneath the ground — while Hill is a walking encyclopedia about the village of Haliburton.

The Echo has come to rely on their expertise and their willingness to share it. They're always so helpful and co-operative and have saved us from printing more than a few mistakes. We also are glad they're there when we get an e-mail from someone searching for information about their family or the village. We don't have the time or resources to answer such questions so we pass them on.

Earlier this month, Dysart et al council decided to turn Steve Hill's job from full-time to eight-month seasonal as a cost-cutting measure. The museum costs more than \$100,000 to operate and, in the winter, there aren't many visitors. Many other towns, such as Minden, don't operate their museums year-round so it's not a revolutionary move to make. With so much sensitivity about taxes, council felt it wasn't justified in maintaining the same commitment this year.

Haliburton has been very fortunate that council has invested in the area's history by running a year-round museum. Indeed, we should be grateful that it's still keeping the museum open year-round. But let's hope that the community expresses its understanding that the museum isn't just a building. It's the people who are working to preserve our past, whether or not there are visitors walking through the museum door. They're asking the questions we're too busy to ask and we need to make sure they'll be there to share what they've learned when we're ready to listen.



Through the lens

Day's end on Head Lake, Haliburton

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

The power of gossip

Many years ago, sitting in a field outside the French Chateau Chambord at night, we watched a "Son et Lumiere" (sound and light show) depicting the life of the Chateau through the centuries. Part way through the performance we were informed that gossip was raging within and rumours were flying. Then, no sound. Lights flashed on and off sequentially, racing through the corridors, flitting through a row of bedrooms, racing down the back stairs, then up to the salon and on and on. Then all was darkness. The rumour had run its course.

Gossip thrives on speculation. It often begins as filler in idle conversation or an attention grabber, if it can be made dramatic enough and have just a modicum of fact attached to it. Gossip, supposedly the prerogative of small towns, is quickly becoming an international epidemic, having crept insidiously into our airwaves.

With so many hours a day committed to newscasts, program time must be filled. Interpretation and analysis blossoming from a kernel of fact is a well-honed tool for news networks. The fact that inaccurate inferences might besmirch someone's character or distort an event is less important to networks than the attention-grabbing value of the moment.

Examples abound on TV and radio news. Sometimes it's hard to separate a gossip column from a newscast, especially as we head into national elections in both the USA and Canada. So many public figures have suffered from innuendo in the past few years that serving as a politician may be losing its appeal. As listeners, we seem addicted to titillation. In fact, listeners are the fuel that fires the gossip, whether in a small town or on a network news show.

A few weeks ago a CBC Radio newscaster told of a tragedy that had occurred when a man and his stepson had gone hunting. The stepfather slipped on ice, his gun went off, the boy was

killed. "The man has been taken into custody pending further investigation," read the announcer. True, that was accurate reporting but it was incomplete, therefore irresponsible. The implication of foul play was obvious; the listener's interest was engaged. Much later I heard that the step-father had been carrying an illegal firearm and that was why he was being held.

End of story? I don't know, but that one idle speculation might have suggested to listeners that he was suspected of a heinous crime, not merely of causing an accident. The stigma could remain a long time. If it was found later that he was guilty of a serious offence, only then should it be reported. In that regard The Echo, sometimes criticized for not printing arrest information with names until a trial has given the verdict, should be lauded for its journalistic integrity, even if its policy is unpopular with some readers.

Gossip comes in many guises. I was intrigued to hear Ian Brown on CBC radio's "Talking Books" note that a form of gossip played a role in many of our early maps. The book being discussed was Denis Hays' *The Historical Maps of Canada*, which notes that hearsay rather than actual observation often formed the basis of cartography. Once a map was printed, suppositions metamorphosed into facts. Numerous disputes erupted and border wars sometimes resulted.

Gossip does not flourish in a vacuum. It needs people to keep it from petering out. Having run its course, gossip may leave a stigma, or even lead to war. Is it possible that we are, today, witnesses to this latter phenomenon? Will hindsight show us that momentous decisions now being formulated concerning the Middle East were based more on innuendo and implication than fact?



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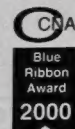
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Gone with the wind

As a father of three, I've had plenty of occasions to be proud — but none quite like last week. That's when my three-year-old daughter Carmen sauntered over to me, smiled and then uttered those three simple words that every father longs to hear.

It was a well-worn phrase that's been used since time began by a countless number of people; an expression so cliché that no one ever writes about it any more. But that did not make its meaning any less poignant.

Even now, as I reminisce about that special day, I realize that though our whole family was right there, my little girl still chose me. When she approached, I instinctively knew that this was an important occasion. Carmen had something powerful inside her that was ready to burst out. She couldn't contain herself a moment longer. And, as a father, it was my job to encourage self-expression.

And maybe that explains why she offered me her tiny hand, looked me in the eyes and said, "Pull my finger!"

Call me sentimental but those three simple words soon brought tears to my eyes — literally, and for

tales from



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about thirty seconds.

That phrase and the ensuing ruckus brought me back to the halcyon days of my youth when my brother and I pioneered a slew of original finger-pulling techniques, many of which are still in use today. Though our repertoire took years to perfect, even now I believe the "end results" were worth the effort. Of course, I would be remiss if I failed to recognize my sister's involuntary yet valuable contribution to this ground-breaking research.

Through careful scientific observation, Martin and I dispelled many myths about the entire process. For instance, pulling a finger harder doesn't necessarily produce a corresponding increase in velocity or decibel levels. Nor does pumping a finger up and down prolong the experience.

But enough about science.

In the eerie aftermath of that little rumble, my annoyed wife pointed out that I shouldn't have pulled Carmen's little finger at all. I'm not exactly convinced that she was right though; I mean, where would that have left Carmen? I'm not certain that she could have withstood the pressure.

Maybe it was a clash of cultures. Where I'm from, a gentleman did these things, plain and simple. Pulling fingers wasn't just polite, it was practically a civic duty. The only exception was when on crowded elevators and that had more to do with the fact that there was no room.

Culturally, I liken it to the native tradition of counting coup, whereby a warrior showed his bravery and prowess by touching a heavily armed enemy in the midst of battle. The difference was that the Indians of old never had to worry about open flames or confined spaces. We did.

When your father or grandfather called you over at a family barbecue to pull his finger you were darn proud to serve but also more than a little scared. You would have been crazy not to be. I mean the pressure was on and the expectations were high. No matter how many times you pulled it off there was always that one terrifying thought in your mind: Would today be the day that grandpa finally crapped himself? Sometimes the strain was too much. For everyone.

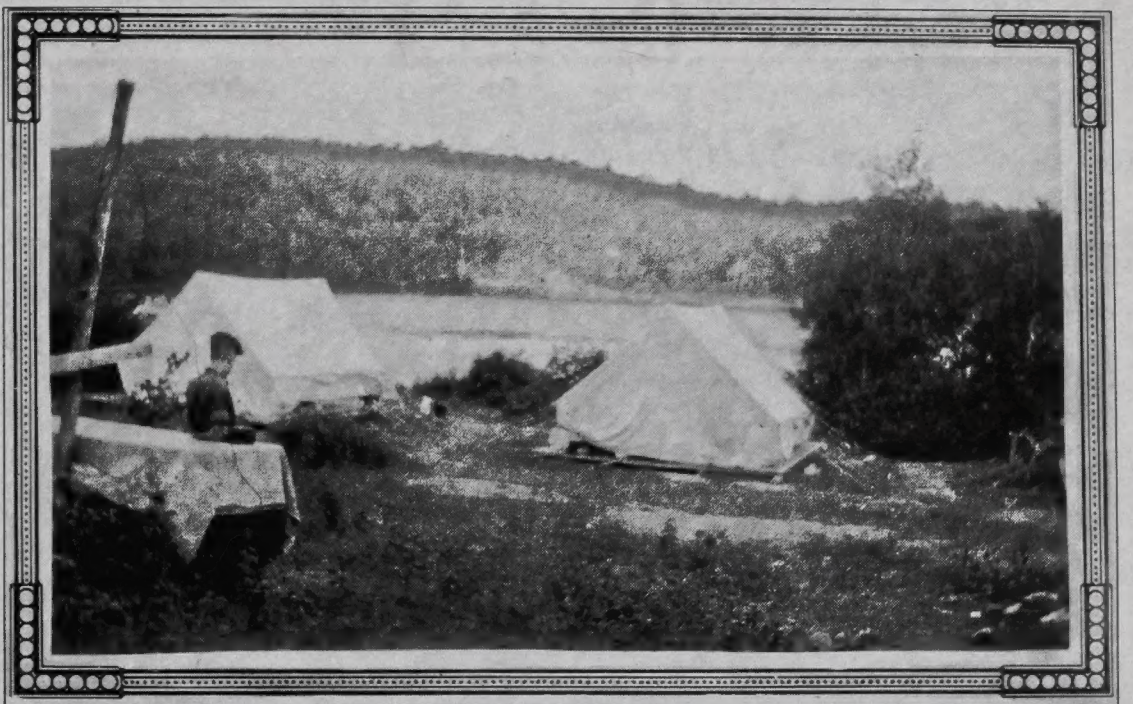
Yet it was basic etiquette if you asked me. Ours was not to reason why. So what kind of father would I have been if I hadn't extended this same consideration to my own daughter?

More than that, as a parent I was curious to see if Carmen had developed the fine motor skills to execute what is generally recognized as a highly complex maneuver. I needed to know if she possessed the guts to follow through; I wanted to know what my little girl was made of.

On that day, I'm figuring it was broccoli and soft-boiled eggs.

Perhaps you've got to be a father to understand the significance of such an event - God knows her mother wasn't overly impressed. But suddenly, there was my little angel — a person who everyone insists looks like her mother — showing all within earshot that she also took after her father. My chest puffed out — and not just because I needed to hold my breath. No, it had more to do with the fact that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

I tell you, if guests were in that room, I wouldn't have hesitated in handing out cigars. Although I would have cautioned them not to light them just yet.



pic of the past

Ah, what better time to think about summer than during one of the coldest weeks of the year? This week's Pic of the Past takes us back to the much warmer days of 1933, when Glen Jewett couldn't wait to leave his Toronto home and spend the summer at Camp Calumet on the shores of Boshkung Lake. In the background of this photo you can see Hwy. 35. Unfortunately, Glen has passed on. Our thanks to his brother Lloyd, another Calumet alumnus who's now lucky enough to live on the lake, for sharing this warm memory with us.

letters to the editor

Community's generosity lets 4Cs meet charitable needs

To the Editor

On behalf of the 4C's Board of Directors I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the support you have given us throughout this past year. Especially during Christmas Food and Gift Hamper season.

This year our community raised \$16,752.11 covering our expenses of \$13,670.44 of which \$5,725. was the cost of grocery vouchers. We can never give a proper estimate on all the terrific toys that pour in. The grocery bags people kept buying from the local stores amounted to

\$4,140.37 worth of groceries.

As the bags kept pouring in we had no room to sort with all the packing activity....so we were pleased to enable a couple of high school boys to work 24 hours each towards their "community services" as they restocked our shelves to carry us through the months of January and February.

Do you know of any other community that is so caring and sharing with others in need?

We truly thank you for all your caring.

Aveline Petch,
Chairperson, 4C's

Reeves not consulted on fielding calls

To the Editor

Re: Health Unit Insert for a Smoke-free Haliburton

I understand that the Reeves of Haliburton County were not consulted regarding permission to print their home phone numbers. This is certainly an invasion of privacy,



given that they could be contacted at any time during the day or night by any number of people pro or con.

Let us hope that this lack of consideration does not happen again.

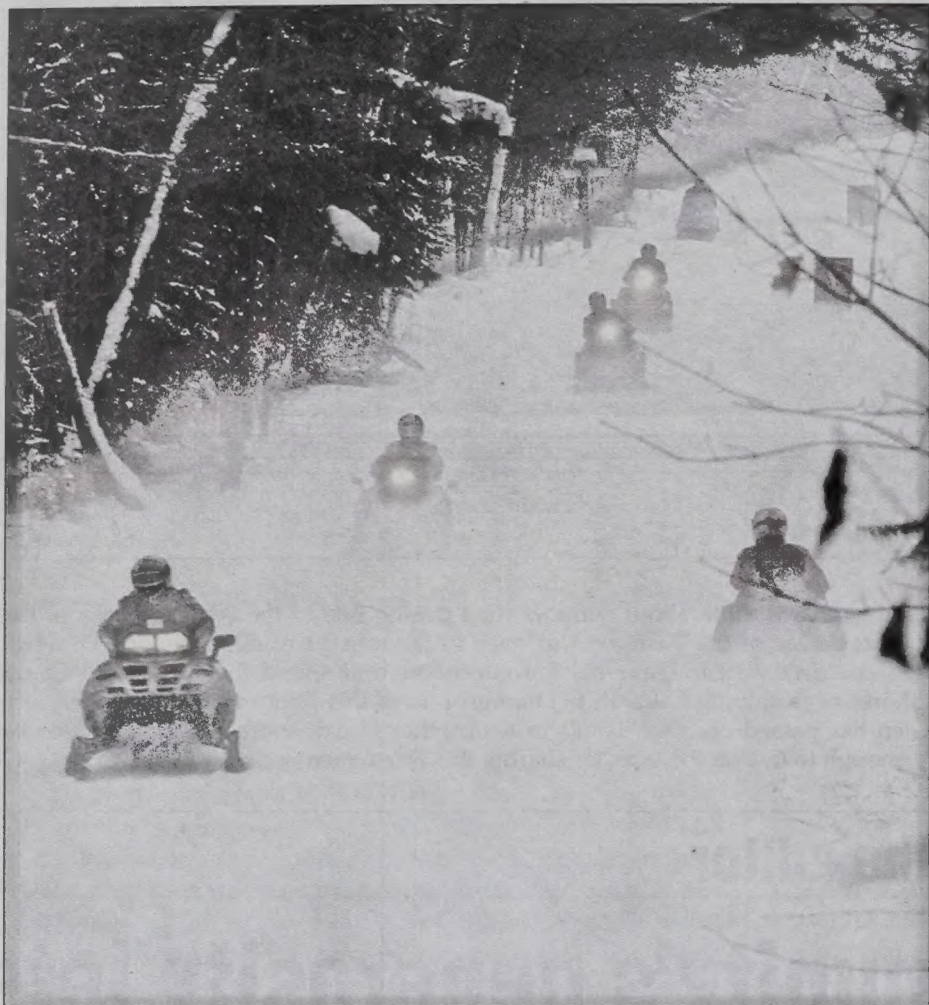
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The Haliburton Highlands are buzzing with hockey action. See pages 10-11 for hockey articles.



Snowarama continues



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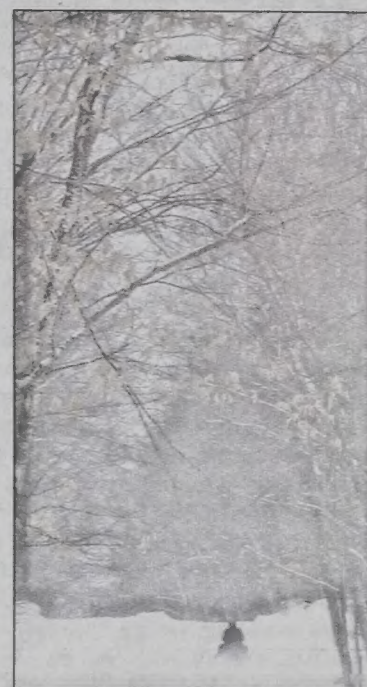
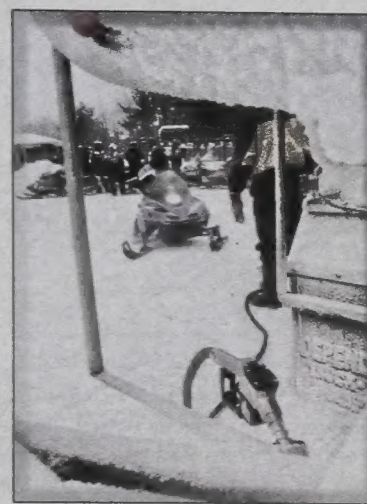
Snowarama celebrated its 29th year by raising \$18,750 for the Easter Seal Society through the pledges of 87 snowmobilers up at the Haliburton Forest on Saturday, Jan. 25. Organized by Haliburton Rotary, the event's top fundraisers were: Joe Iles, \$1,665, Arthur Dawson \$2,610, and Curry Bishop,

\$1,720. There are 13 children in the county who benefit from the event. This event has raised more than \$15 million in its history. The society has used the money to fund research, advocacy, summer camps, provide financial assistance, and the Recreational Choices funding program.

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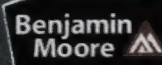
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Peewee As begin playoffs at full speed

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Gary Burtch Construction PeeWee A team ended its season in fifth place overall. What a great year they had playing right up to the very end: 22 league games with 15 wins, five losses and two ties. They scored 138 goals and had 73 goals against.

The playoff season started in Ennismore on Saturday January 25 for game #1 and what a game it was. The Storm came out on fire, scoring three quick goals in the first five minutes. Matt Eno had two beauty goals with Jessee Tallman, Davis Reynolds and Derek Carpenter assisting. Jessee Tallman scored the third quick one assisted by Davis Reynolds and Brady Hicks.

The game seemed to level out with the teams playing from end to end. Ennismore scored right at the end of the first period and quickly in the second. They put a little pressure on the guys, letting them know they weren't giving up just yet.

After intermission the Storm knew they had to come out strong to hold on to a win. Ennismore applied a little more pressure and tied it up quickly in the third. The Storm geared up and dug in the blades and took Ennismore by surprise and scored three beautiful goals in the third. Derek Carpenter scored with Matt Eno and Robert Lowes assisting, Jessee Tallman and Brady Hicks each had a goal, with Steven Miscio assisting on each one and Robby Hicks and Collin Callaghan on the other. This took Ennismore by surprise and

they got in a quick goal just at the end of the third. That didn't matter at that point as the Storm won 6-4. What an excellent game guys.

Game #2 was in Minden on January 26. Not quite like the one in Ennismore. The fire was at the wrong end of the ice. The Storm played the puck and had lots of opportunities, but they just couldn't sink that puck to catch up. Matt Eno scored a nice goal assisted by Jessee Tallman and Davis Reynolds. The final score at the end of the game was 5-1 for Ennismore.

The team had a great season although they ended it with a casualty. The captain of the team, Mitch Vasey, broke his collar bone in the final game of the season. This will put him out of the first round of playoffs. The team is hoping for a speedy recovery to get Mitch back in the line up. Good luck Mitch. The team was fortunate enough to have an AP player come and play for them in game #2. Thanks to Scotty Griffith for his outstanding efforts assisting the team in their playoff games. Hopefully his other team's schedule will allow him to play with this team again in this series.

This awesome team has a great set of enthusiastic players: Paddy Manuge and Nathan Woodcock in goal, Collin Callaghan, Steven Miscio, Lane Schmid, Todd Simms on defence and the offensive players are Matt Eno, Brady Hicks, Robby Hicks, Robert Lowes, Davis Reynolds, Jessee Tallman and Chace Thurston. On the bench is Greg Carpenter - Coach, Bob Woodcock - Assistant Coach, Mark Eno - Trainer, George Schmid - Manager and Ron Callaghan - Manager.

Playoff schedule:

Game #3 February 1st in Ennismore @ 2:30pm

Game #4 February 2nd in Minden @ 1:30pm

Game #5 February 8th in Ennismore @ 2:30pm

Game #6 February 9th in Haliburton @ 4:30pm

The team appreciates the support from the fans and the dedicated parents.

Colts calm Storm



A Peewee AE Highland Storm forward skates towards the puck in the second period against the Campbellford Colts in Minden on Friday, Jan. 25. The Colts edged out the Storm 3-2.

Bantam AE Storm sweep Bancroft

SHARON WALKER

Special to the Echo

The Bantam AE storm defeated Bancroft three straight games at very high scores: 18-1, 14-1, and 14-2.

Everyone scored at least a couple goals apiece and this series gave them the chance to practise passing, powerplays and penalty killing for the next round which will be more competitive than this one.

Bancroft has no other choice but to play AE and it's really too bad they couldn't have been put in a tri-county league of their own. The Bancroft coach should be proud of his team for they never gave up until the end of each game played.

Since the Bantams have won the series in one weekend, the AE have to wait until the next round, which could be the first weekend in February.



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Novice Bs win tournament

WENDY SISSON

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm's Novice B team is continuing to roll through the month of January with much success. With five game dates so far this month, this team has played 11 times. The latest challenge was hosting this year's tournament.

With hosting a tourney comes the dubious distinction of having the first game. The Storm took the game with Ops with relative ease, leading them to face off next with the Peterborough Tyke Selects. This was a great game to watch with back and forth action and when the final buzzer sounded, the Storm won with a 4-3 score. With a mere six hours to kill until the A championship, the last hurdle would be a strong team from Barry's Bay.

This, too, would turn out to be an action-packed game with lots of play at both ends of the rink. But the persistence of the forwards to keep shooting at the net and the strong clearing plays by the

defense kept the team ahead. In the dying seconds of the game Tanner Ballantyne blocked a high shot that may have been the play to crown the Storm A champions.

Smart defensive maneuvers by Zach Boice earned him the MVP for the game.

A huge thank you needs to be extended to all the parents and grandparents for the hours of work involved and an extremely successful day. Sponsors will be receiving a special 'thank you' in the mail soon.

On Sunday it was back to business as usual with a regular league game against Omeme. After a close first period, the boys stormed ahead, lighting up the board eight times. Goals went to Jacob Harrison 3, Nick Hunter 3, and Zach Boice and Tanner Hamilton with one each. Michael Kunkle was outstanding minding the net and was the major force in leading him to his shut out.

After a four-game weekend players and parents dragged themselves home for naps all around.

Novice As begin round-robin on the fly

PATTI TALLMAN

Special to the Echo

The Rowden Building Novice A Team travelled to Belleville on January 18 to start the play off season with great enthusiasm. The kids arrived pumped up for some serious action playing in a very impressive arena. They had a large surface to cover and they did just that.

Belleville came to the ice with three lines and two goalies and the mighty Storm came out with nine players and one goalie. Mike Mazara was out of the lineup for the game with a sprained neck. The team hopes he has a speedy recovery and will be back in action really fast.

The Storm played consistently from end to end, mainly dominating the play in Belleville's end. The score was 1-0 for the Storm at the end of the first period but persistence prevailed and the chemistry folded right into place.

They started the ball rolling later in the second, scoring some more, and played the puck like professionals to the very end of the game. The team experienced their first intermission between the second and third period but that didn't slow them down. The third period only brought them out more confident, with precision passing, great defensive plays and fast back checking. Players passed

for the perfect set up resulting in some beauty line drives right through the five hole and then some. They outshot Belleville, staying proud right to the very end of the game. The final score 8-0 for Highland Storm.

What an awesome game of hockey, showing the parents and coaches just what they have been trained to do - they passed that puck around!

Again on defense are Mark Dobey, Ryan Hunter, Cole Rowden and Samantha Tallman, the offensive players Brett Yake, DJ Howorko, Marlee Gadway, Dillon Upton, Stephan Schollig and Mike Mazara and of course that awesome goalie Rob Lewis.

Round robin schedule:

Note: GAME #4 is being played on FEBRUARY 16 not on February 1st

Feb. 7 Game 3 @ 6:30pm Campbellford
Feb. 16 Game 4 vs Belleville @ 12:30pm Haliburton
Feb. 22 Game 5 @ 12:00pm Ennismore
Feb. 23 Game 6 vs Campbellford @ 11:00am Haliburton

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(front, from left) The Haliburton Skating Club's medallists Bethany Snelgrove, Meghan Bottum, Amanda vanLieshout. (back, from left) Justin vanLieshout, Tiffany vanLieshout, Julie Moore, Terri-Lynn Lumley coached by Kathy Evans (not pictured), and the club's coach Jane Symons.

Skating results:

The Haliburton Skating club would like to congratulate all of the participants from its club on a job well done at the 2002 Port Carling Santa Skate. Each skater has shown great improvement from last season and proved that the Haliburton Club has great skaters.

Amanda vanLieshout-Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate 1st, and Pre-Preliminary Ladies 'B' Elements 3rd.

Tiffany vanLieshout-Introductory Ladies Freeskate 2nd, and Pre-Preliminary Ladies 'A' Elements 2nd.

Bethany Snelgrove-Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate 5th.

Meghan Bottum-Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate 6th, and Pre-Preliminary Ladies 'A' Elements 1st.

Terri-Lynn Lumley-Senior Bronze Ladies Spins 3rd and Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate 4th.

Julie Moore-Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate 5th; Senior Bronze Ladies Elements 1st, and Senior Bronze Ladies Spins 1st.

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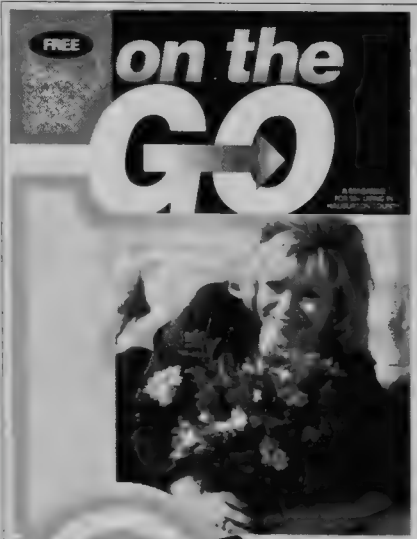
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(l-r) Skip, Brian Trigg, vice, Alan Steffen, lead, Blair McKague, and second, Mike Smith were the winners of the Haliburton Lumber A Event.



(l-r) Lead, John Parker, second, Chris Meech, skip, Hugh McDonald and vice, Chris Daffern were winners of the Curry Motors B Event.



(l-r) Second, Jim Bradley, vice, Art Dawson, skip, Dave Gray, and lead Geoff Ainsley were winners of the Haliburton Home Hardware C Event.



(l-r) Lead, Brian Murison, skip, Doug Mack, vice T.J. Rule, and second, Ted Rule were winners of Dawson Insurance D event.

The 44th annual Skyline Bonspiel attracted 32 teams from as far away as Oshawa. The largest curling event in the county ran over three days, starting on Friday and ended on Sunday, running at the Haliburton Curling Club. Ray Buzminski was the winner of Draw to the Button and was from the Oshawa Curling Club.

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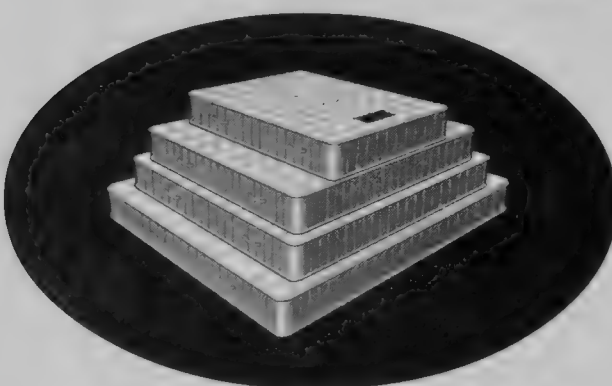
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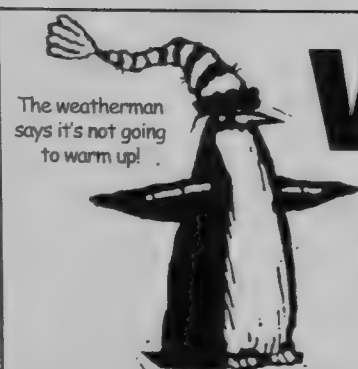
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Skiing down memory trail

Bob Heyes, one of the founders of skiing in the modern era in Haliburton recently went on a trip down memory lane, also known as the Jim Beef Trail. Originally created in the late 1970s, the Jim Beef was then a centrepiece of a very rustic trail system. It runs from the museum at Glebe Park to Pinestone, and you can do a fine round trip, but you may wish limit it to a one way trip. The shortest option runs about 11km, one way.

Late January is an ideal time to experience the wilderness feel of this difficult (we mean it!) trail because the snow quality is good and the snow pack is deep.

Much of the original route has been changed to accommodate various landowner requests or trail revisions, but some of the original route remains. Here is Dr. Heyes' report:

"I had occasion today to ski the Slipper Loop, Allsaw Loop and Jim Beef Trail to the Museum. What can I say that has not been already said? Better than excellent skiing - a nice mix of soft new snow on the Slipper and then I followed the grooming pass along the Jim Beef. I cannot recall better conditions than this past week or two. I used Swix polar extreme in the grip zone and Toko low fluoro blue in the glide zone and for the first time ever I had both perfect grip and perfect glide. An exhilarating ski!

"The 1-2 km stretch that has yet to be bulldozed (and therefore is not groomable, though some of it was done today) brought back pleasant memories of skiing with Peter and Margaret Brogden at Haliburton Forest in the 1970s. Back then my skis were wide wooden planks about 220cm long, with pine tar on the base and we waxed and corked with one wax along the entire ski, tip to tail. Ahhh, the good old days.

"Well, the Jim Beef has it all right now, but it's classic only. Who wants to go?"

The Jim Beef Trail has one shelter toward the western end. Here, the Joe Blair shelter has sat for many years on the Moonshine Loop near Soyer's Lake Road.

Erected in 1980 by the late Joe Blair, it stands as a testament to the support that the Blair family has always extended a grateful skiing community, as much of the trail passes over their lands.

If you go, why not stop for a break at the shelter? Do take some reasonable precautions, though. Since the trail is relatively remote and has some very difficult hills, please be sure to have a map handy, and leave word of your plans before you go. Carrying food and water would be a good idea, too. Enjoy the solitude of the Haliburton bush, but you might be better off skiing this trail with a buddy!

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Blake Paton

Luke Lester wins Georgin Cup

Envinrude Ski-doo Supertrax team sweeps Owen Sound

The Canadian Snocross Racing Association's (CSRA) Regional Championship Series moved to Owen Sound, Ontario last weekend amid heavy snows and frigid temps. The well-attended event included entries from the US, Quebec and Ontario making for tough Pro and Semi-Pro class racing all weekend.

Luke Lester, Canada's current CSRA National #1 Title holder, had the Owen Sound race track dialed. Using his Steve Charity-tuned MX-Z Revs, Luke was able to float over crater-sized holes while flying crowd-pleasing jumps. In Saturday's qualifying rounds Luke posted three first place finished.

Luke was able to harness the power of his 800 cc Open Mod Rev. Luke's fluid style catapulted the 22-year-old to front-row status in Pro 440, Pro 600 and Pro Open.

A disappointing start in Pro 600 netted Luke a fifth at the checkers. When the 440 Final left the line Luke was again pinched in a first turn free-for-all which left him struggling to get back to the front. At the checkers he carded an impressive and hard fought sixth.

When the Prop Open Final for the Georgian Cup lined up, Luke knew exactly where he wanted to put his Envinrude/Supertrax Ski-doo. When the green flag dropped, no one saw anything

but Luke's snow flap for the entire 10-lap final. Cleanly running away from the pack, Luke showed why he's the CSRA Pro Champion.

A.J. Lester, the current CSRA Semi-Pro Champ is racing his first season as a National Pro snocrosser. Luke's 18-year-old brother began the weekend with convincing rides in all three Pro class qualifying motos. A.J. had his Steve Charity Rev's dialed-in by Saturday afternoon and was ready to rock in the Pro 600 Final. Leaving the line in good position, A.J. tangled with another driver and both landed upside down. This left A.J. a disappointing 11th at the checkers.

In Pro 440, A.J. had a poor start but managed to thread his way all the way back to sixth, right on his brother's snow flap at the checkers.

In Pro Open racing A.J. gated strong but had another rider pile into him in the first turn. After remounting, A.J. ran as fast as the leaders but could only make his way back to seventh by the finish.

A.J. has formidable speed and an intuitive ability to run through traffic while scoping out fast lines. He continues to learn the ropes as a first year Pro in CSRA racing. He's more than ready to break out and put his talents and abilities in the winner's circle. A.J. is anxious for next weekend's CSRA/ASRA double header in Barrie, Ontario.

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County picks up 911's tab; huge cost of signs is next

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The county's 9-1-1 department spent \$48,000 more than expected last year, but that's primarily because municipalities are off the hook for most of the costs associated with the introduction of the emergency service, county council was told last Wednesday.

CAO Gary King said that when the department's 2002 budget was drafted, it was assumed that township staff and fire departments would help with connecting a property on the assessment map with its owners. He had worked in two other jurisdictions where this was the case.

Local municipalities, however, were not as keen to take on such a time-consuming task so the entire burden fell to the county.

A retired property assessor who lives in Stanhope, Dave Johnson, was hired to do the job. [Foster's staff then ties that information to the property's phone number.]

As well, in the summer the 911 department purchased Global Positioning Satellite systems, which students took down every road in the county to record the precise location of every driveway and area of significant interest (such as the entrance to Snowdon Park or the historic log chute in Stanhope.)

Part way through the 911 process, co-ordinator Stephen Foster recommended that as the last jurisdiction in Ontario to introduce 911, Haliburton County avoid the problems other areas are having with road name similarities.

For instance, Kawartha Lakes, which had allowed a Queen Street in Fenelon Falls and a Queen Street in Lindsay, now says that this has led to confusion and delays for emergency services. It has

begun the process to have only one Queen Street in the entire region.

To prevent such confusion from taking place here, Foster recommended that as well as not having road names that were the same in different parts of the county, the county not allow roads names that sounded alike or included such things as east or west. By spending the money now, he argued, the county wouldn't have to spend it later.

County council agreed and Foster was pleased to report that by last Friday, all roads in Haliburton County were named. "It's a huge completion, a very important accomplishment," he said.

There are 1,766 roads, many of them newly-identified under the 911 protocol.

However, all of this came at a price, CAO King noted on Wednesday. The department spent \$100,000 more on property identification than expected.

And as a result of these various modifications throughout the year, by the end of 2002, the 911 department had exceeded its \$320,000 budget for 2002 by \$48,000.

King noted that "had it not been for the requirement to bring [Johnson] on board and reimburse the townships [for monies they had spent on property identification], Stephen would have been within budget. And if it were not for the purchase of \$18,000 in computers and GPS hardware, then he would have been under budget."

King added that the computers which were purchased for 911 are being used by other departments. "It's an expense you would have incurred anyway."

Foster said that there will be many benefits from the scope of the project and the information compiled. "There are spinoffs which will be significant."

Meanwhile, the 911 department is about

to embark on the most costly part of the endeavour: the purchase of all the road name and property identification signs.

"We're approaching a critical point," Foster said. "This is one of the largest signage projects that's been put out. There will be 220 tons [of signs and posts] that will be brought in on five tractor trailers, requiring four staging points."

Each road sign in the county must be replaced. The new signs will identify the two road names at each intersection and, like those helpful little signs when you get off an elevator in a hotel, display which property numbers can be found along which road. All told there will be 6,000 new signs and posts to purchase. The county is also assuming the responsibility of buying and installing all 30,000 property number signs.

The pricetag is \$1.2-million.

Foster had hoped county council would approve his 2003 budget on Wednesday, but Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he wasn't prepared to embark on the lengthy deliberations. He suggested a separate meeting on the 911 budget and fellow county councillors concurred. It will be on February 7 at 2 p.m.

One decision that will affect cost is the size of the signs. Older residents in other jurisdictions have complained that the signs are too small to read when travelling at 50 km/hr. Haliburton County wants to make sure that its signs are large enough. (There's no set size under provincial regulations.)

"We're going with the best information we have," Foster said when asked if there would be public consultation.

"Make sure you get input from us older guys," Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner said.

Museum seeks more visitors and board members

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larger audience and the number of people who have contacted us for one reason or another."

The following statistics were collected for the past year: adult visitors, 1,465; children, 598; tourism information, 353; washrooms, 131 users; research requests, 154; naturalists, 209; skiers, 237; hikers, bikers and sculpture trails, 209 users; all others, 395; hits on website, 826 - creating a total of 4,577 contacts between the public and museum.

Ballantine says he is still grappling with the changes and did not wish to comment on the effect the new hours will have on the operations of the museum.

He also did not wish to comment on the temporary layoff of Stephen Hill, who has been working side by side with him for years. Hill will be returning to work in April for eight months.

Gerald Irish, museum board chair, says Hill remains under contract and "is too valuable a person to let go."

Currently the board is also looking for at least one but ideally two new board members. Irish says they are very sad to see Ruth Still, a local historical author from Eagle Lake, resign her position on the board because she is selling her home and leaving the area.

"I would like to see two new members if we could. All they need is an interest in the museum and the preservation of artifacts we have," says Irish.



Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial P.C. Association

Notice of Nomination Meeting

Members in good standing with the Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial PC Riding Association are invited to attend and participate in the nomination meeting to select the PC Candidate for the next general election.

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2003

Time: Registration from Noon - 1:30pm
Meeting begins at 1:30 pm

Location: I.E. Weldon Secondary School
Weldon Road off Hwy #36
Lindsay, Ontario

Individuals must present two pieces of identification at registration in order to be entitled to vote.

Only those individuals with a valid 2002 or 2003 membership to the Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial PC Riding Association will be eligible to vote.

PLEASE NOTE: By HVBPPCA motion, 2002 memberships have been extended to participate in this important nomination meeting)

New memberships MUST be purchased by 1:30pm on Friday, January 31, 2003.

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For the children

The Children's Food and Nutrition Program for Haliburton County, in collaboration with the Canadian Living Foundation, received a helping financial hand from a few locals at Stuart Baker Elementary School last week. IGA owner Bob Park and LCBO employee Lisa Berry donated money on behalf of their companies. Accepting the donations with thanks were Program Coordinator Karen Phipps, Stuart Baker Elementary School Principal Debbie Wales, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit's public health dietitian Rosie Kadwell (representing the Health for Life program) and Family Services Program Supervisor Barb Fraser. Park donated \$5,000 while Berry was instrumental in getting the LCBO to donate \$250 through the Christmas fundraiser. Every elementary school in the county will be participating in the program. The program's eventual aim is to include adult and high school classes.

Vast majority of callers are in favour of a county-wide smoking ban

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If the calls which local reeves have been getting will have an effect, then there will be no smoking in public places throughout the Highlands.

The Echo reached three of the four local reeves whose names and home phone numbers were printed on a flyer distributed through the newspaper last week by the health unit.

The flyer calls on people to phone their local reeves to lobby them to implement a no-smoking by-law in the county.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison received 12 calls and four e-mails, all from people who supported the

smoking ban.

"I haven't had anyone who wants to stay with the status quo except for my husband and one of my councillors."

She thinks the ban should be done on a county level because it will avoid any discrepancies or rivalries between communities. She'd agree to the local municipalities passing the by-law if all four agree to the same wording.

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney was busy with his warden's duties last week so his wife Lois fielded most of the calls. Fifty-two people phoned their home in support of the ban. Two people thought a ban was too drastic and preferred to let bars and restaurants have smoking areas.

She said most people were amazed and

then apologetic that they had reached the reeve's home. They thought they were phoning the municipal office.

In Dysart et al, Reeve Murray Fearrey says the majority of calls to his house have also been from people in support of the health unit's proposed by-law.

The Echo couldn't reach Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman on Monday.

Meanwhile, at Wednesday's county council meeting, there was some discussion about the health unit's decision to print the reeves' home numbers.

Tallman, the county's representative on the health unit's board, didn't know the phone numbers were being distributed and said that he, like the others, would have appreciated being told about such a

venture first.

"I'm not happy with it but it's happened and I guess we'll have to live with it," said Tallman, who had received calls on the evening of the day the flyer was distributed.

"My name wasn't on the list, thank goodness," said Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, "but I think we should get a courtesy call if our home phone numbers are published."

Tallman said the health unit probably took some action "mainly because [local politicians] haven't done anything. But I believe we should do it at a local level."

Tallman said money is available to help pay for the introduction of the non-smoking ban and to help with inspections.

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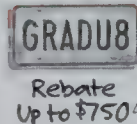
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Darren Lum talks to Murray Agnew about life behind the wicket for more than 50 years

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Fifty years ago Murray Agnew saw an open wicket and has been Wilberforce's postmaster ever since. He has always done it with a smile that harkens back to an era before urban sprawl and mega malls.

But at the end of this month, he'll be postmaster no more. Although he'll continue working at Agnew's General Store, he's retiring from the mail business.

A gentlemen walks up to the raised wicket and peers down to Agnew, sitting in his little warren of letters at the back of Agnew's Store.

"Hi, Murray. How are you?"

"My knee hurts...I mean my good one," he says, laughing and rubbing the knee of his false limb, having lost a leg to a circulatory disease in 1997.

"Young man, is it just the one stamp?"

Agnew asks, staring through his steel-rimmed glasses at the middle-aged man peering through the wicket.

Flanking his right shoulder is a honeycomb of mail slots, 390 now. He provides

change from his worn desk drawer. He calculates the difference for a 48 cent stamp from a \$5 bill without a cash register or calculator visible.

"Thanks, Murray. Take care," the man says.

Ever since he was a young man, Agnew has always possessed the desire to fill a need whatever it might be. During World War II he enlisted with the Air Force. It was just filling a need, he says, trying to avoid the word "service"—"I don't like the word — it feels like you're doing something for somebody," he says.

After his time with the Air Force finished he returned home to Wilberforce. When no one else applied for the soon-to-be vacant postmaster position, he filled this need.

Summing up a long career that continues to burn brightly, he says matter of factly, "Somebody had to take it on."

The one-man show he runs six days a week — it would be more, but Canada Post has strict rules on operation times — isn't even like work. Unlike larger locations such as Peterborough, Hamilton or

Toronto where stress might be an issue his location is his responsibility alone.

"There's bound to be stress in those other offices," he says, adding his location is stress free. "What, would I get mad at myself?"

Last year in Ottawa, Canada Post celebrated the 150th year of the transfer of postal service from the British government to the Canadian government by honouring postmasters who have worked 40 years or more with plaques etched with their names. Among the seven men receiving the plaque, Agnew is the longest serving postmaster in the country. It was an honour that he accepted with his wife, Eileen and they both took the weekend off — a rare occurrence since they rarely spend a day away from the family store.

Despite all the conversations he has with nearly every person who comes to his wicket, few of them know about the Canada Post honour.

"You know what? It has never come up. How do you bring something like that up... Maybe I should hang [the plaque] in here," Agnew says.

Such as the case in many small towns, the Wilberforce post office is the information centre for getting or giving information. Though Agnew knows the area like the back of his hand, he never hesitates to get more information to help someone.

"I look at it that way now. You try to help people out and fill their postal needs. If you don't know the answer you get on the phone and find out..."

"People seem to come to the post office for information. Not that you have it [always], but if you don't have it you can direct them to someone that can help them. It's all part of the job. It's nice to be helpful to them."

There are many conversations that Agnew has been privy too, but the news he hears isn't as interesting as people might think.

"The juicy ones you never hear... I'm usually the last one to hear it."

Until this year, Agnew wasn't tempted by the thought of retirement.

"A lot of people look forward to retiring and when they retire, blessed if they don't get busy... It's the change. I hadn't felt the need for change."

Fire damage doubles in Dysart in 2002

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

An estimated \$500,000 worth of damage was caused by fires in 2002 in Dysart et al, nearly double the amount of last year.

The annual summary from Fire Department Chief Miles Maughan, reported 131 calls while the department had budgeted for 100 calls. The high damage was the result of seven structure fires. Maughan says one large fire though a business could account for \$1-million in damage, so the number does not repre-

sent a rash of fires.

What he does see as a problem though is the high number of calls, 21, about hydro lines. The fire department has a

He says Hydro's delays in responding to these calls have become common in rural Ontario, not just here in Haliburton County, and it is an issue being dealt

Downed hydro lines add cost, time to Dysart fire department

responsibility to remain at the scene of a downed wire or burning pole until Hydro staff arrive. Maughan said this can tie up his volunteers for two to six hours, representing a large drain on their resources.

with through the Ontario Fire Marshall's office. Maughan says there needs to be a better way to deal with incidents and he is hoping for direction.

Another challenge for Maughan is his added responsibility taking on the job of

municipal emergency control coordinator. Reeve Murray Fearrey says it is part of provincial downloading of more and more responsibilities on to municipalities. He says council will have to depend on Maughan to tell them when the job becomes too much to handle - Maughan also heads the municipal roads department.

One of those responsibilities is a new tiered response system. Maughan says the system works well when emergency personnel are properly dispatched. There are still a few kinks to work out in the dispatch system, he says but it he says it is a positive change for the townships.

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Collin Rowbotham will be celebrating his 100th birthday this Thursday, January 30, 2003. He will be pleased to have friends and family join him at an Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Highland Wood Long Term Care facility where he resides. Among those who will help him celebrate will be his sister Mabel Coumbs who will celebrate her 95th birthday on February 18, 2003.

Coll (pronounced Call) was born and raised in Essonville, spent many years on the Canadian prairies and retired back home in recent years. He has wonderful memories and great stories to tell. Do join in the celebration of Coll's life. Best wishes only, please.

The Wilberforce Legion was alive with the sound of bagpipes and the aroma of haggis as the birthday of the Scottish

poet Robbie Burns was celebrated on Saturday, January 25, 2003.

Members of the Bancroft Pipes and Drums brought the Scottish music that piped in the haggis which was carried by Vicky Shcherbak. Andy Christie, also the drummer, addressed the haggis with Burns own poetry. After the Selkirk grace spoken by Branch 624 President Bonnie Jessup, diners enjoyed a delicious roast beef meal with neeps and tatters prepared and served by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The after dinner program, emceed by Mark Sackney included a fine rendition

of Amazing Grace by Bev McCormick and a medley of pipes and drums music under pipe major George Kerr with Ben Wilkinson, Sheryl Ellenberger, Bob

Shouldice, Karen Shouldice and Andy Christie. A fine evening enjoyed by all.

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Hilda Clark

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The Wilberforce United Church is having its annual breakfast next Sunday, February 2, 2003 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church. Always a tasty meal - you can enjoy bacon, eggs, pancakes, toast, juice and coffee or your choice of the above for only \$5. The service following which begins at 11:30 will feature the Gentlemen of Song choir.

We were surprised to learn the

Murray Agnew is retiring from his position as postmaster at the Wilberforce Post Office. He announced his retirement about a week ago. He was presented with a certificate of service from Canada Post by Area Support Manager Dennis Purcell from the Bancroft Post Office.

Murray Agnew has been the Postmaster at Wilberforce for 52 years. Though he applied last November for retirement, Canada Post will need some time to make the transition. We wish Murray all the best in the years to come. We hope he will still be in evidence there and at the store for many years and for many more good chats.

The memorial service celebrating the life of the late Lloyd Barnes is Sat., Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

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(Applicant-HARRISON)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 8, 9 and 10 (Part 10-being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East) on Plan 19R-7103.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Municipality of Highlands East (Wilberforce), Ontario this 28th day of January, 2003.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CLERK-TREASURER
P.O. Box 295
WILBERFORCE, Ontario
K0L 3C0

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 87-23 (Glamorgan) MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: February 11, 2003
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Municipality of Highlands East Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-law No. 87-23 as amended to rezone lands described as Part of Lots 2 & 3, Concession 1 & 3 in the former geographic Township of Glamorgan now in the Municipality of Highlands East. The rezoning is required as a condition of severance applications H 50/95, H 50-95 revised, H 51/95, H 51-95 revised, H 53/02, H 54/02, H 55/02, H 71/02, H 72/02, H 73/02, H 74/02, H 75/02, H 76-02, which were granted by the County of Haliburton Land Division Committee on July 8, 2002. The severance application resulted in the creation of 11 new shoreline lots.
- The application, if approved, would rezone the new shoreline lots from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Limited Service Residential (LSR) Zone. The proposed By-law would permit the subject lands to be used for shoreline residential purposes.
- If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East, as the approval authority in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.
- Additional information including the draft By-law, proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and site plan map is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Highlands East Municipal Office located in Wilberforce, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling 705-448-2981.

Mailing Date of this Notice: Tuesday January 21, 2003

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, C.M.O., CAO/Clerk-Treasurer,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Wednesday, February 12th, 2003.
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-02-034 – Lands of Piche
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an existing lot, which has been slightly reduced to recognize the encroachment of a neighbour's cottage.
 - Decrease the lot area to 0.48 acres.
 - Decrease the lot frontage to 133.8 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 16, Concession 10, Guilford Township (Bitter Lake).
2. D13-MV-02-035 – Lands of Holden
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of an addition to a seasonal dwelling.
 - Decrease the south side building setback to 6 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 20, Concession 3, Lot 43, Plan 516, Dudley Township (Miskwabi Lake).
3. D13-MV-03-01 – Lands of Smith
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an illegal enclosed deck.
 - Increase the permitted encroachment of a deck into the water setback to 20 metres.
 - Permit a deck to be enclosed.
 - Location: Part Lot 21, Concessions 9 and 10, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake – Piccadilly Bay Road).
4. D13-MV-03-02 – Lands of Blacktop
 - Purpose and Effect: to legalize an illegal boathouse/storage building.
 - Reduce the required side building setback to 18 feet for a boathouse.
 - Reduce the water setback to 35 feet.
 - Location: Part Lot 25, Concession 13, Lot 35, Plan 572, Guilford Township (Pelaw River at the mouth to Little Redstone Lake).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the setbacks affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Date: January 27th, 2003

Patricia Martin
Secretary – Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment

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Mel Smith
457-2571

Branch 624 had it all on Saturday night's *An Evening of Robert Burns*. A musical intro and piping of Haggis was given by George Kerr, Ben Wilkinson, Sheryl Ellenberger, Bob Shouldice, Karen Shouldice and drummer Andy Christie from the Bancroft Pipes and Drums who came in authentic Scottish garb.

Andy Christie addressed the Haggis and donated a Celtic clock for a door prize which was won by Ida Holmes. We thank Andy for the donation of the door prize and a big thank you to Andy and his Pipers 5 who helped make the evening a great success.

We all want to give enormous thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their hard work preparing the haggis and the rest of the meal. Their work is always appreciated.

A Cribbage Tournament, was held Jan. 26 and according to sports director Bob Hayward, it was one of the biggest tournaments in quite a while. The winners were Fred Dainton, Joan Harris and Anna Reischl.

January 26 was also Supper Bowl Sunday. The game and festivities went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The wings were great, although the game

didn't turn out the way I thought it would.

February 4: Executive Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

February 7: Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 2:00 P.M.

February 7: The Birthday Bash will start at 7:00 P.M.

February 15: Minnie, Marion, Marg and Betty of the Ladies Auxiliary will compete in the Zone F5 Dart Tournament in Lakefield.

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We thank all applicants who apply, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

REGARDING AN APPLICATION BY: James Edgecombe & Jane Godin
Agent- Paul Wilson

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Monday, February 17th, 2003

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipality of Highlands East Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
Wilberforce, Ontario, K0L 3C0

APPLICATION:

1. PV-01-2003-Lands of Edgecombe and Godin

Purpose and Effect: To obtain relief from Zoning By-law 87-23. Existing lakeshore lot has insufficient width, therefore, requesting a reduction from the 6 m. setback to 4.5m. being a reduction of 1.5m.

Location: Concession 14, Lot 27, Plan 205, W. Pt. Lot 22, RP 19R-2582, Part 1 (Geographic Township of Glamorgan) in the Municipality of Highlands East.

PUBLIC HEARING- You are entitled to attend this public hearing in person to express your views about this application or you may be represented by council for that purpose. If you are aware of any person interested or affected by this application who has not received a copy of this notice you are requested to inform that person of this hearing. If you wish to make written comment on this application they may be forwarded to the secretary-treasurer of the committee at the address shown below.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING- If you do not attend at the hearing it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION- A copy of the decision of the committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer a written request for notice of the decision. All other parties, who wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect to this application, you must submit a written request to the Municipality of Highlands East Municipal Office. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Committee of Adjustment's decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public. To appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, send a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer for the Committee of Adjustment outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of \$125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, and made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

Mailing Date of this Notice: Monday January 27th, 2003

Dale Shannick, Secretary-Committee of Adjustment
Municipality of Highlands East.

Accomplishments and renewal:

News of life in West Guilford includes honours, births, and people to mourn

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Congratulations to Wayne Cooper on presenting La Soirée de théâtre français

on January 7. Children from the French Immersion classes of Stuart Baker Elementary School as well as the mature high school students performed delightfully in acting, dancing and singing. What lovely music! What amusement! All of us present enjoyed it immensely and thank the teachers and staff at Northern Lights Pavilion for the excellent entertainment.

Congratulations to Michael and Angela

Chumbley on the birth of their daughter on January 7, 2003, in Peterborough. Erin Marie weighed in at 7 lb., 11 oz., and mother and baby are doing well.

Our sympathy to Ila Griffin in the loss of her mother on December 17, 2002.

Congratulations to Joel Cooper, son of Greg and Cheryl Cooper, on his success and achievements in hockey goal-scoring this season.

Wishes for a sound recovery go to Beth Johnson who was seriously injured in a car collision on January 4 and has since been in Sunnybrook Hospital.

The Baptist men's breakfast was held on January 11 at the Pine Lake church with the speaker being Victor Knap. He recounted happy Christmases as a child in Poland: caroling and gifts for children before midnight Mass were special to these times.

Since no one else has volunteered over the past couple of years for this service of West Guilford news, several items of interest have gone without an expression of thanks or appreciation from this column although certainly highlighted well by *Echo* news itself.

One is the fiftieth anniversary of Camp Medeba. Congratulations to all the leaders from founder Stuart Wilson to pre-

sent general director Bruce Dunning for keeping this fine facility growing. Day Camp is one of the options offered to ages 6 - 18. Medeba is an active member of the Ontario Camping Association and Christian Camping International.

With great pride we also congratulate Barrie Martin on recognition as Highlander of the Year for his work in establishing and ensuring upkeep of trails for biking in the area.

So many dear people have been lost to us since I last wrote a column. Our community mourns the loss of Gladys (Peck) Bailey, Dennis Sims, Charlie Morrison, Helen Jubb, and Pat Waddell, to name a few.

Our most recent sad loss is that of Roger Bryant of the Barry Line, and our sympathy goes to Doris, his wife, and their family, to Bradley, Sheila and Shirley as well.

The most recent Centre news is that the access has been improved, thanks to donations, special funding and hard work of the committee. The lift was installed by September 2002.

Greetings and congratulations of happy birthday to Helen Barry and Audrey Fountain who celebrated their special day last week.



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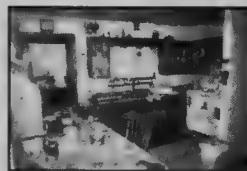
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harcourt

Valerie Smith
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How many times have you heard, "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home"? An early settler's home may have been very humble but it gave them a safe place to live; a protected place from wild animals, biting insects and shelter from the wind, rain, hot sun and snow flurries. But can you imagine what that original, humble, yet safe place might have been like?

The early settlers, our great, great grandparents and great grandparents, endured many hardships living within the walls of their "secure" homes. Some started out with crude shanties made of logs with the cracks filled with moss. The moss and cracks were a haven for insects. Families battled bed bugs, wood ticks and ants. We may very well do the "black fly dance" and the "mosquito swat" when we go outside but at least we have screens on our windows to keep them outdoors. Pioneers made smudges at dusk to help keep the nasty mosquito and black flies at bay. Earthen floors, rough-cut sawn boards, crude hand-made furniture evolved to white washed walls, colourful quilts and curtains. Times were difficult but the men and women possessed a great inner strength and they made their shanties into "home, sweet homes".

Their home may have been humble, but I will always remember the earthy smell of the root cellar below my grandparents'

home, and the wonderful aroma of fresh baked bread as grandma Jennie Townsend took it out of the wood stove's oven. I will always recall Grandma's colourful, home-made quilts and the fancy embroidered patterns that adorned her pillowcases and dresser scarves. I'll never forget the smell of leather and pipe tobacco that permeated my grandfather's old, log cabin. For me, they will always be cherished and privileged memories of yesteryear.

But there were some who were even less fortunate than those who started out with shanties. For some, "home sweet home" was no more than a hole burrowed in the side of a hill and shored up with logs.

At the turn of the century such was the home of a local man by the name of Simon Sipple. Simon came to the area suffering from tuberculosis and he was given only a short time to live. His family returned to their home 'out front' and Simon remained living in his burrow in a hillside near Kennaway. Eventually Charles and Jennie Townsend offered him refuge in their home in Harcourt and then he was given shelter at Ephram Schickler's logging camp in the town of Harcourt.

In 1928 Russell and Catherine Schickler were married. Following their marriage, Russell and Catherine purchased property on Elephant Lake and in the early 30s they started to build. Yvonne McMullin, daughter of Russell and Catherine, fondly remembers that a Mr. Hazelwood, a retired civil engineer built a pretty little chalet type structure for himself upon their land and old Simon Sipple lived in another, somewhat lesser cabin there as well.

These were some of the first buildings that eventually formed the Elephant Lake

Lodge. In 1947, well over 40 years after he was first diagnosed as having only a short period of time to live; Simon died at the age of 87.

Harcourt dates continue:

1966: The Harcourt Community Chapel was erected across the road from the second Harcourt School. The Chapel still remains today and continues to be a very integral part of the Harcourt Community

1968: First local community bank came to Wilberforce's Bank of Nova Scotia

1969: The Anglican Church closed due to lack of members

1969: Russell Schickler sold his marine business to Allan Bell

1972: Amos and Bessie Hawley sold their store to Richard Burrows who operated a real estate office from the building

1972: Mrs. Kay Burrows was appointed Harcourt postmistress

1973: M.A. Bell Marine was sold to Steve Langerap

1973: G.W. Martin Lumber Ltd employed more than 200 employees

1974 Harcourt School closes

In spite of the Harcourt School closing the community boasted a thriving business community:

1974: Long Real Estate Office, managed by Murray Scott was located in the closed Harcourt School building

1974: there was a Sports Center and Service Station operated by Dale Smith

1974: a Country Service Store operated by Ron and Iris Mumford

1974: a Harcourt Variety Store operated by Noreen Ireland

1974: Silver Spring Lodge at that time was owned by Dennis and Doris Waymouth

1974: an addition was added onto the Harcourt Community Centre

1975 Barbara Mullins was appointed Harcourt postmistress

Harcourt's story will be continued next week. If you have a date or another chapter to add to the Harcourt story, don't hesitate to call Valerie at 448-3640.

Up-Coming events at Harcourt Community Centre:

February 7: 8:00 - 11:00 - Pre Teen Valentine Dance

February 16: Harcourt Community Centre Hall Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

March 15: As part of Harcourt's Centennial celebrations a special St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance will be held in Harcourt.

July 11, 12, 13: Centennial Weekend Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m.

Please take notice that tenders are invited for the cleaning contract of Harcourt Community Centre Hall, Harcourt, Ontario and will be received on or before March 15, 2003. A copy of the job description can be obtained from Ross Covert, Debbie Shatraw or at the Community Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. or on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



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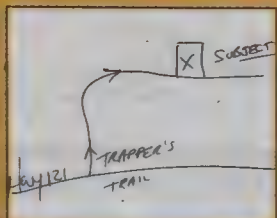
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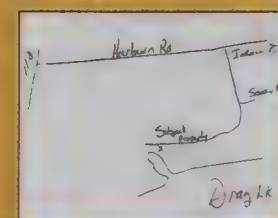
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Mark Robinson received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at the Fall Convocation of Queen's University. Mark is the son of Brenda Robinson of Haliburton and Dale Robinson of Ingoldsby. Mark and his wife Beth (Johnston) live in Virginia, where Mark works for Science Applications International Corporation as a Senior Transportation Engineer. Mark is a proud graduate of HHSS.

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- **Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club** meets every Thursday, 12 noon, for a weekly luncheon at the Haliburton Legion. Join us for good food, fun and fellowship.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- **Mamma Mia.** Haliburton County Home Support is considering another trip to the wonderful musical, Mamma Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the Third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - every Tuesday evening at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 - 8 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 - 9:30 for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
- **Every Monday: 9:30 - 12:00. Ongoing free ESL** (English as a second language) classes and tutoring. Call Haliburton Highlands Learning Program at 457-3430. Ask for Jane.
- **First Sunday of every month Mindfulness Based Meditation Group**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. YWCA beside CHACE Place. No cost and all levels of experience are welcome. For more information call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years + screening on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment only at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral needed. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Adult Badminton:** now until May 2003 - Archie Stouffer Public School. Monday 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. For more info call Lois 286-1765.
- **Hand Drumming Instruction** with Terry Cowen, Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 at YWCA. A drum is not necessary. For info call Erin at 754-4618. Everyone is welcome.
- **Scottish Country Dancers** meet at J.D. Hodgson School, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Phone 286-1218 or 447-2509 for more information.
- **Weight!! TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly** will help you lose those excess pounds. TOPS is a non-profit, affordable weight loss organization promoting "Sensible eating and peer support." For local chapter information please call Lynn (705) 696-3582. What do you have to lose!!
- **Starting Jan. 9, 2003: 8-week stroke education program** offered by Rehabilitation Dept. at Ross Memorial Hospital. The program is for stroke survivors and their families and runs every Thursday starting Jan. 9. No cost. For more info, call the hospital, 324-6111, ext. 4452 8:30 - 2:30, Mon. - Fri.
- **Now to May 31, 2003: Morning Walks:** The Heart and Stroke Foundation welcomes you to join them on morning walks through the halls at Archie Stouffer Elementary School from 7:30 to 8:15 and at the Haliburton Highland Secondary school in Haliburton from 7:15 to 8:15. It's free. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079 or Al Gostock at 457-3362 or Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalfe at 457-3756.
- **2nd Annual Ice Fishing Derby** on Salerno Lake, Irondale. For info, contact Sabine, 447-2313 or e-mail: icc@irondalebiz.com. Entry fee, BBQ, refreshments available. Fundraiser for the Irondale Community Centre Building Fund.
- **Jan. 28: Dorset Recreation Centre Jr. Floor Hockey** at 5:30; **Adult Floor Hockey** at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 29: Dorset Recreation Centre is holding a Foot Clinic; Jr. Basketball** at 5:30; **Adult Basketball** at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 30: Dorset Recreation Centre is holding Jr. Volleyball** at 5:30; **Adult Volleyball** at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 30: Alzheimer Society Support Groups** Haliburton, meets at Hyland Crest, Minden, Meeting Classroom, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at 457-8335 for more info.
- **Jan. 30: Haliburton Highland Twirlers will host a square dance open house** at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Haliburton Arena.
- **Jan. 30: "Daffodils" Cancer Support Group**, Haliburton United Church, 2 p.m. Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contact please are Jean Casey, 457-1010 and Helen Cox, 286-2224.
- **Jan. 31: The Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association Annual General Meeting** at Buckhorn Community Centre at 9:30 a.m. Please call to register 705-657-2134.

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NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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Thank you

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February Calendar

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Mon Feb 3rd	Vision TV: The Baha'is	12:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.
Wed Feb 5th	Meeting of Baha'i Council	7:00 p.m.
Thurs Feb 6th	Feast of Dominion	7:00 p.m.
Wed Feb 19th	Meeting of Baha'i Council	7:00 p.m.
Sun Feb 23rd	Prayer Circle (Minden)	2:00 p.m.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE PHILIP EDESEL BILLINGS

All creditors and others having claims
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARY ANN PAULINE BELL

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE HARRY McCREA

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of HARRY McCREA, late, of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 17th day of December 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 11th day of February 2003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 15th day of January, 2003. **RAYMOND G. SELBIE**, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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440 THANK YOU

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The 4C's Board of Directors express their most sincerest thanks to the Community of Haliburton for awesome support for the Christmas Food and Gift Hampers of 2002; to all the service clubs, schools, churches and many organizations and the many caring individuals. There was \$4,140.37 worth of groceries packed and sold by local grocery stores, and \$2,129.00 Christmas Tree Coupons received from I.G.A. and V & S Department Store. Donations were overwhelming, clearing all expenses, making this Christmas Food & Gift Hampers truly 'COMMUNITY SUPPORTED'. Haliburton Community, always caring and sharing.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BARRY, ELIZABETH - In loving memory of my devoted mother who passed away January 31, 1999.

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FOSTER - In loving memory of a dear mother, Pearl Foster, who passed away February 2, 1994. Dearest mother, thou art not forgotten,

Nor ever wilt thou be, As long as life and memory last We will remember thee. Sadly missed by **son Keith and daughter-in-law Kathy**.

GILBERT - In loving memory of my Dad, Mervin Gilbert, who left us February 2, 2000.

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It is a wound that is slow to heal. But if Heaven had long distance Our bills would be so high Because we'd call you every minute And never say goodbye. Sadly missed and truly loved, **Rhonda, Mervyn and family**.

460 OBITUARIES

LEE JAMES "JIM" CONGDON
Passed away suddenly at home
in Lochlin on Wednesday,
January 15, 2003
In his 64th year.

Beloved husband of Beryl (nee Stevenson). Loving father of Gloria and her husband Randy Barnum of Haliburton, Lisa and her husband André Lambier of Pontypool, Teresa and her husband Chris Potier of Bowmanville. Loving Gramps of Courtney, Kristin, Kelsey, and Shelby. Dear brother of Marie and Russell Baker, Dave and Marilyn Congdon, Rilla and Bob Davis. Sadly missed by Simms. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Thursday, January 16, 2003 from 7-9 p.m. and on Friday, January 17, 2003 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Masonic Service was held on Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, January 18, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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MARK EDWARD SCHEFFEE
Passed away peacefully
at the Haliburton Hospital
on Friday, January 24, 2003
at the age of 76.

Beloved husband of Denise (nee Schell) of Haliburton. Dear father of Roger, Peter and Janet, predeceased by Cindy, and father-in-law of Floyd Henry. Loving grandfather of Melissa, Jason, Adam, Ryan and Cole. Dear brother of Grant Scheffee, Verna Sisson and predeceased by his brother Leslie Scheffee. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Sunday, January 26, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, January 27, 2003, from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #129, Haliburton. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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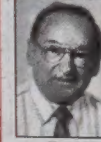
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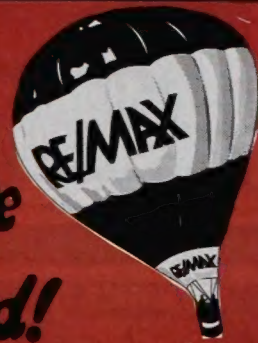
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HOMES and COTTAGES



STOUFFER MILL ROAD

2 bdrm home/cottage close to Halls Lake access. Master bdrm has w/o to large deck & hot tub. Open concept. Fully winterized. \$69,900. Call Ken Barry



STARTER COTTAGE

Very private 3 bedroom cottage on Rackety Creek near waterfall, with pond, 320 feet frontage, heated waterline, full septic, close to public access on Little Bob Lake. \$72,900. Call Erwin Roithmeier



BOYNE LAKE

Back to basics cottage on 2.59 acres. Mature trees, private, south exp., 200' lake frontage. 2 bdrms, no electricity, but equipped w/ propane fridge, stove & woodstove. \$77,000. Call Linda Baumgartner & Troy Austen



EAGLE LAKE

Ski, ski, ski. Newly renovated in town home. Minutes from Sir Sam's Ski Hill store and Eagle Lake. All season home. Don't miss this one! \$97,600 Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



EAGLE'S ERIE

3 bdrms on 3 levels, quiet forest setting. Privacy with a view. Lots of pine & big windows. Main fir laundry, dog kennel & more. \$129,000. Call Rosalind Bagg



GULL

Located at the mouth of Gull River at Gull Lake. Charming 3 bedroom cottage finished with T&G pine, fireplace, private level lot. \$129,900. Call Rick Lowes



WATERFRONT LOG HOME

On Sharon Lake w/ full fin. bsmt, 2 baths (1 being a jacuzzi), very open concept & extremely good value! Call today for more details. \$134,900. Call Vince Duchene



HWY 118 & BAYSHORE ACRES RD

3 bdrm brick home on level corner lot w/ 2 driveway entrances. 2 baths, huge back & side decks. Full w/o basement. Att. garage. \$174,900. Call Ken Barry



BEECH LAKE

4 bdrm, 4 season fully winterized cottage on a gently sloping 100 ft. lot. Drilled well, newer septic. Double detached garage. \$219,900. Call Ken Barry



SKI CHALET/SUMMER COTTAGE

Large Viceroy style cottage situated on Eagle Lake Island. 5 bdrm, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, stone FP, open concept, lrg decks, level lot, south exp., 2 minute ride from landing. \$245,000. Call Linda Baumgartner & Troy Austen



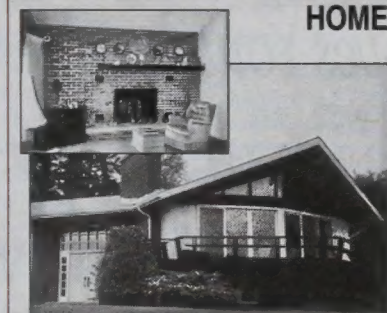
MISKWABI LAKE

Year round home on Miskwabi Lake. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, with full finished basement and attached garage. 2400 sq ft. \$319,900. Call Linda Beachli and Peter Brady.



CANNING LAKE-SHAW'S ROAD

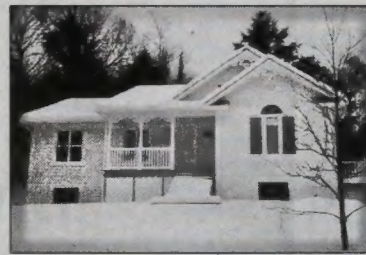
450 feet of smooth rock & sand shoreline. 3-720 sq ft cottages, 2 bathhouses, great family escape, very private. \$369,900. Call Ted Vasey



HOME/OFFICE

Custom built home w cathedral ceilings, brick FP, formal DR, eat-in kitchen, mst w/ensuite & w/o to deck, screened SR, sauna, full fin. bsmt & dbl att garage + huge 3 bay det. garage. Walking distance of town/ski trails, access to 5 lake chain make it ideal for a B&B. \$395,000. Call Julie Gray

KASHAGA DRIVE \$439,000



Newly constructed home on 5 lake chain. Level lot 100 ft sandy beach. Wild life abound. 1.75 acre lot. Many upgrades and tastefully decorated. Master bedroom with ensuite. Call for appointment. Call Tom & Gail Tempest

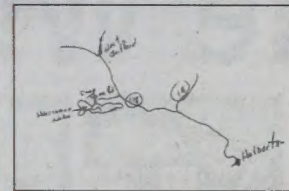
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LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO BUILD?

Look to Sir Sam's Rd. Lovely lots with fantastic building sites in area where values are climbing. Call Today.

Call Rosalind Bagg

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HURRICANE LAKE

Point lot facing south. Year round road. 450' rocky shoreline ideal for year round home. Don't miss this one. \$75,000. Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



EAGLE LAKE BUILDING LOTS

Build your own ski chalet on year round road. Minutes to ski hill, access to lake across the road. Over 5 acres. Amazing! All for \$39,900. Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady



GOOD BUILDING LOT

20' five man trailer 1.1 acres of land near Burdock lake. Main road access, hydro & phone available. Driveway and site cleared. \$19,700. Call Cathy Lancia

WALKERS LINE

Level to sloping building lot. Ideal for full walkout basement. 180ft. frontage on year round township maintained road.

\$11,500

Call Fred Gardner

VACANT LOTS

ACREAGE ON HWY #121

Beautiful acreage on Hwy #121, south of Minden, 57 acres to build your home on with creek running through back half. Driveway installed, hydro & phone available.

\$30,900

Call Erwin Roithmeier

BEAR LAKE ROAD

Building lot on 8.2 acres with 21' trailer-sleeps 7. Drilled well, septic in. Municipal access

\$49,700

Call Cathy Lancia or Fred Chapple

Bobcaygeon Road,

1km north Queen Line. Many bldg sites, 10.3 acres \$14,900
County Rd. #7, Redstone Lake Dam Road
Bldg site cleared, road in, 5.5 acres \$19,900

Bear Lake Road

Drilled well, septic, trailer - 8.2 acres \$49,700

Call Fred Chapple

COMMERCIAL

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!



Superb commercial property at the busiest corner in terms of traffic flow in Haliburton County! Corner of Hwy #35 and Hwy #121 in Minden. 4 rental units, comprehensive C-3 zoning. Just listed at \$299,000. Call Bill Kulas

SELF STORAGE BUSINESS



Excellent opportunity in prime location at Hwy #35 and Hwy #118. Five self storage buildings plus 2 apartments on site. Excellent books and low maintenance. \$799,000. Call Melanie Vigrass

COMMERCIAL



MINDEN SUBWAY

Consistently one of Ontario's top stores. Excellent Hwy #35 location. Clean & modern facility. Call now for details! Call Rick Lowes.

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Huntsville, Ontario prime retail plaza on high profile corner on Highway #60 and King William Street, Huntsville. Quality solid covenant tenants! Won't last long.

\$1,150,000

Call Linda Beachli or Peter Brady